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AUSTRIAKNOCHE, Aldean Lauree

Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #4, Stafford, Stafford County, Kansas

September 19, 1932

Aldean Knoche, daughter of Mrs. Ollie Knoche, lives on a 160 acre general crop farm in Stafford County, Kansas. She was a 4-H Club member for 9 years, during which time she has given over 30 talks to 4-H clubs, local and state civic organizations and 8 demonstrations on dairy foods, canning, sewing and safety. Aldean has been an officer of her local club and a member of the county council. Miss Knoche is a third year student of home economics extension education at Kansas State College and plans to become a Home Demonstration Agent when she graduates. She is a member of the Collegiate 4-H club and church youth fellowship group. Aldean enjoys leading groups in singing, games and discussions, giving public talks and demonstrations and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sports, and reading.

LOY, Bernice Verna

Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #1, Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Penna.

November 29, 1931

Bernice Loy, daughter of Mrs. and Mr. Emanuel Loy, lives on a 19 acre farm in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, where small grain crops, truck gardening and chickens are the important farm enterprises. Bernice is a teller with the Schuylkill Trust Company. She received her education at the Pottsville Business College, and she also studied Commercial courses in high school. Her many activities include 4-H Club Work, Senior Extension Club, high school class activities, Sunday School and church young people's organization. As a 4-H Club member for 7 years, Bernice held four club offices. She has been a 4-H Club leader for 3 years. Bernice can read, speak and understand German because of family training. She enjoys leading groups in games and discussions, and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Reading, sewing and textile painting.

PORSTMANN, Theodore Everette

Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #1, Montpelier, Scott County, Iowa

September 20, 1922

Theodore Porstmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Porstmann, lives on a 100 acre farm in Scott County, Iowa. He is farming in partnership with his father and the important farm enterprises are small grain crops, 5 acre apple orchard, Holstein dairy cattle and Purebred Berkshire Hogs. Theodore can speak and understand some of the German language. He has participated in the many activities of his church, Rural Club and 4-H Club Work. As a 4-H Club member for 8 years, Theodore was a club officer, carried poultry and dairy projects, and received local and state recognition for participating in a team demonstration. He has been a 4-H Club Leader for 9 years. Theodore received recognition in the Rural Youth talk meet in 1952. He enjoys leading group discussions and giving talks and demonstrations. Religious preference: Catholic. Hobbies: Sports, reading especially history.

RYDRYCH, Donald Jerry
Date of Birth:

1517 17th Avenue, Lewiston, Nez Perce County, Idaho
November 10, 1930

Donald Rydrych, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rydrych, was born and reared on a 90 acre general crop and dairy farm in Nez Perce County, Idaho. Activities in which he has participated include; Boy Scouts, Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America and collegiate agriculture club. Donald is at the present time a student at the University of Idaho where he is majoring in Agriculture Education. After graduation he plans to become a vocational agriculture instructor. Donald's mother was born in Austria so he has a fluent knowledge of the Czechoslovakian language. He enjoys giving radio talks and demonstrations, writing news articles and leading group games. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Photography, fly tying, interior painting, playing the accordian and interpretive modern dance.

BEIGIUM

GROSS, Erle C.
Date of Birth:

Box 27, Wyola, Big Horn County, Montana
September 14, 1931

Erle Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross, was born and reared on a 400 acre wheat and beef cattle farm in Big Horn County, Montana. Erle is a fourth year student at Montana State College majoring in Agricultural Economics. After graduation, Erle plans to own and operate a farm. He has taken an active part in 4-H Club work in his local club and collegiate 4-H club, college agricultural club, student government and other campus organizations and activities. Erle has been active in church activities and has been assistant leader in a high school age church group. He has participated in livestock judging teams and in the annual college livestock show. Erle was an instructor for the "On the Farm Training" program of the Veterans' Administration for one summer. He enjoys leading group discussions, writing news articles and giving radio talks and public demonstrations. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Fishing, hunting and other outdoor activities.

JOHNSON, Ruth Ina
Date of Birth:

RR #2, Gaston, Indiana
February 28, 1932

Ruth Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson, lives on a 160 acre general livestock farm at Gaston, Indiana. She is now a fourth year student at Ball State Teachers College majoring in Home Economics. A 4-H Club member for 10 years, she completed projects in foods, clothing, poultry, pigs, and junior leadership. Ruth was president of the County Junior Leaders Council and held many offices in her local 4-H club. She received county and state recognition for participation on a poultry judging team. She has been a member of the Future Homemakers of America and Rural Youth. Miss Johnson has traveled in 16 states and Mexico. She has given a number of radio talks and enjoys leading groups in games and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Photography, cooking and sewing.

PIERCE, Joan Lorna
Date of Birth:

720 Moscow Road, Jerome, Hillsdale County, Mich.
August 23, 1932

Joan Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark M. Pierce lives on a 75 acre farm, where small grain crops are raised and chickens and broilers the important enterprise in Hillsdale County, Michigan. She is a third year student in music education at Michigan State College. Among the many activities in which Joan has participated are Camp Fire Girls, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Young Women's Christian Youth Organization, College music organizations, Fellowship and other church activities. Joan has a 7 year 4-H Club record which includes representing her state at National 4-H Congress in Chicago. She has given demonstrations in food, clothing, and canning, and helped her 4-H Club as a junior leader. She reads, speaks, and understands French fluently. She likes musical activities as playing the piano, singing solos and leading group singing. Faith: Protestant. Hobbies: Sewing, cooking, bowling, dancing and gardening.

DENMARK

BENNETT, Nancy Edmonds
Date of Birth:

62 Dayton St., Danvers, Essex County, Mass.
August 12, 1931

Nancy Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Bennett, lives on a 45 acre poultry farm where 3,000 chickens are raised each year. During her ten years of 4-H Club Work she was Junior Leader and Song Leader of her local club. She has been active in church, music, and athletic organizations. She was awarded a trip to National 4-H Camp in Washington, D. C. Nancy reads, speaks, and understands a little Spanish. She is a fourth year student in education at Lesley College. After graduation she plans to teach in nursery school or kindergarten. She enjoys leading group games, writing news articles, and giving public talks. Her hobbies are sports, knitting, sewing and singing. Religious preference: Protestant.

JENSEN, Mildred Hanna
Date of Birth:

Box 14, Glenburn, Shasta County, California
June 7, 1932

Mildred Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jensen, was born and reared on a 2,400 acre farm of which 800 are tillable in Shasta County, California. Most of the tillable acreage is in hay for the herd of 300 cattle. She is a fourth year student at Chico State College in elementary education. Miss Jensen has completed 11 years of 4-H Club Work. During this time, she was club officer, junior leader, assistant leader of her local club, and a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. She has also taken part in Future Homemakers and other high school activities. Her church activities have been helping with Sunday School and leading the junior choir. She enjoys giving public talks and demonstrations. Mildred can read, speak, and understand a little Spanish. She has some knowledge of the Danish language as her grandparents came from Denmark and they have had Danish students in their home. She likes to lead groups in singing, games and discussions. Her hobbies include art, riding, hiking, and skating. Religious preference: Protestant.

SWEETLAND, (George) Robert
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #3, Cazenovia, Madison County, New York
November 28, 1929

Robert Sweetland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sweetland, was born and reared on a 425 acre farm where 210 Holstein cattle are the important enterprise. He studied vocational agriculture in high school and since that time has taken courses in auctioneering and public speaking. Robert is now in partnership with his father in dairy farming and auctioneering. During his 13 years of 4-H Club Work, he has held the offices of president, vice-president and treasurer of his local club. He has been active in county 4-H Council, Future Farmers of America, and high school activities. He enjoys leading groups in singing, games, and discussions, also giving talks and demonstrations. His hobbies are football, basketball, baseball, photography and swimming. Religious preference: Protestant.

WINICH, Jillynn
Date of Birth:

Tropic, Utah
April 24, 1929

Jillynn Wintch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wintch, lives on a 640 acre farm of which 40 are irrigated in a farming community at Tropic, Utah. Beef cattle are the major livestock enterprise and most of the crop land is in alfalfa, corn, pears, apples and peaches. She studied home economics for 4 years in high school and is now studying for a master's degree in education at Brigham Young University. After completing her degree she plans to teach. During her five years of 4-H Club Work, she was president and secretary of her club and regional 4-H camp officer. She has been an active member of her church and spent 18 months in Texas working on a special church program. She has also participated in musical activities, given dramatic readings, and public demonstrations. She enjoys writing stories, poetry, plays and sewing. Religious preference: Protestant.

ECUADOR

DREYER, Stanley Warren
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #1, Brighton, Colorado
February 28, 1931

Stanley Dreyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dreyer, was born and raised on a 310 acre ranch where beef cattle, dairy cattle and hogs are important enterprises. He is a fourth year student at Colorado University majoring in Business Management. His impressive record of accomplishments in organizations include local, state and national activities. He has taken an active part in student government in high school and college. He has also had an interest in foreign students and international relations clubs; at the present time Stanley is serving as advisor to a group of German youth on his campus. In completing nine years of 4-H Club work, his projects included, crops, gardening, beef cattle and poultry, he has given many demonstrations and received state recognition, he was a junior leader and has been active in developing recreational activities among his fellow members. Stanley has been active in church activities which include: local church youth group, campus religious emphases activities, and National Council of Churches conventions. He has had wide experience in speaking before audiences of any size. He was chairman of the youth section at the national meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation in 1951. Stanley has some knowledge of the Spanish language. He enjoys working with people in group activities and appearing before them. Religious Preference: Protestant. Hobbies: color photography.

SIMMONS, Goodrich Ruffner

Date of Birth:

Box 395 El Centro, Imperial County, California

January 6, 1926

Goodrich Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich Simmons, was born and reared on a 2000 acre vegetable and dairy farm in Imperial County, California. He can read, speak and understand some Spanish. Goodrich attended the Pasadena Junior College and the University of California where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He is now employed by the University of California as an Agriculture Assistant at El Centro, California. Goodrich has given talks and radio broadcasts, has been a Boy Scout, has been active in college organizations and was an officer of his college social fraternity. As a member of the U. S. Armed Forces, he spent two years in the South Pacific. He enjoys giving radio talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sports, social organizations.

WOODS, Roger Irwin

Date of Birth:

Star Route, Palmer, Alaska

March 10, 1932

Roger Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woods, lives on a 120 acre farm, of which 90 are tillable, at Palmer, Alaska. Potatoes are the important enterprise, other crops are small grains and vegetables. He is a third year student at the University of Arizona majoring in business. His special interest is marketing; after graduation he plans to work in developing marketing facilities for agriculture in Alaska. He has been a member of 4-H Club (2 years) and Boy Scouts of America (3 years). High school activities included class offices, band, editor of yearbook and yearbook photographer. Roger is interested in photography and has given illustrated talks on Alaska with his own pictures. He enjoys leading discussion groups, giving radio and public talks, and writing news articles. He understands Spanish and has some reading and speaking ability in the language. He has some speaking and understanding knowledge of French and Italian gained from conversations with French and Italian people. His hobbies are music, radio announcing, minor sports as bowling, skating, skiing, and softball. Religious preference: Protestant.

ENGLAND - WALES

BOLTON, Arinetta Marie

Date of Birth:

Box 43, Mitchell, Rice County, Kansas

November 19, 1932

Arinetta Bolton, daughter of Mrs. and Mr. Virgil Bolton, lives on a 250 acre farm, where the main crops are wheat, milo, and sorghum cane in Rice County, Kansas. Miss Bolton completed a course at the Colorado School of Floral Design in Denver, Colorado. She is now a second year student at Hutchinson Junior College majoring in Home Economics. She plans to continue studying Home Economics at Kansas State College in preparation for work as a Home Demonstration Agent. Arinetta has completed 6 years of 4-H Club work. During this time, she carried projects in home economics and agriculture, held every office in her local 4-H club, participated on judging teams and received special recognition, member and officer of Rice County 4-H Council, a junior leader, and assisted with exhibits and planning at county 4-H fair. She received special awards for demonstrations in floral arrangements for several years. She has also been very active in church youth fellowship activities and Y.W.C.A. young People's organization. Arinetta has been toast mistress at six major events of the organization in which she participates. She enjoys leading groups in games and discussions, singing solos, and giving public talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Floral arrangements, scrap books on dairy judging, leathercraft, and gardening.

BOYD, June Elizabeth
Date of Birth:

Rt. #4, Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio
June 22, 1927

June Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Boyd, was born and reared on a 160 acre general livestock farm in Holmes County, Ohio. June is now a third year student at Ohio State University majoring in Home Economics. After graduation she plans to become a Home Demonstration Agent with the Extension Service. She worked five years as a dairy laboratory technician for the Holmes County Dairymen's Association. June has held every office in her local 4-H Club during her 12 years as a 4-H member and has completed 29 projects. She was especially interested in the junior leadership project and has now served as an advisor of a local girls club for eight years. She has also been active in the Farm Bureau Youth Council, college Home Economics Club and an honorary home economics organization, church youth activities and Sunday School. June is very interested in working with people so she has served as camp counsellor in 4-H and church camps for several years. She has been a member of the Ohio State Junior Fair board and has assisted with the girl's 4-H club exhibits and activities at the Ohio State Fair. Religious Preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sewing, crocheting, sports, and raising African violets.

HODGE, J. Faulton

RFD #3, Rutherfordton, Rutherford County
North Carolina

Date of Birth:

August 29, 1928

Faulton Hodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Furman Hodge, was reared on a 50 acre vegetable farm in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He was active in 4-H Club work and served as president of his local club for three years. He helped to organize a youth training department in his church and held positions of leadership in several college organizations including a sociology club, an art league and a singing group. He graduated from Furman University in 1951 with a degree in Sociology and English. He is presently employed as a social worker with the County Welfare Department at Shelby, North Carolina. Faulton enjoys leading group recreation, singing and discussion. He has given many radio talks (weekly broadcasts from February to June, 1951) and has had experience in writing news articles. He can play the piano. He studied French for two years. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Floriculture, horsemanship and sculpture.

McLAUGHLIN, Fred Eugene, Jr.

RFD #3, Florence, Florence County, South Carolina

Fred McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. McLaughlin, Sr., was born and reared on a 148 acre crop and livestock farm in Florence County, South Carolina. He has had experience working with tobacco, cotton, small grains, beef cattle, and chickens. He is a third year student at Clemson College, where he is majoring in animal husbandry and general agriculture. He has taken an active part in 4-H Club work, Future Farmers of America, Boy Scouts of America, State honorary 4-H organizations, and high school and college functions. He received the State Farmer's Degree in F.F.A. and has been an officer in his local chapter. He has been an officer of the Florence County 4-H Council, his local 4-H Club and received the meat animal award. Fred has given several demonstrations and talks and has had considerable leadership experience. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Hunting, boating, showing cattle and personal health.

TAYLOR, Elois May
Date of Birth:

RFD #3, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire
July 26, 1932

Elois Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Taylor, lives on a 150 acre dairy farm in Belknap County, New Hampshire. She has helped in all phases of dairy work and in summer is in charge of the milk route. She began her home economics courses in high school and is now continuing her studies at Keens Teachers College. After graduation in 1954 she is interested in home economics teaching or Extension Service. She was a member of the Future Home Makers of America for 4 years and represented her state at a conference in Washington, D.C. She traveled to Atlantic City, New Jersey, as a delegate to the American Home Economics Association Convention representing her college home economics club. As a 4-H member for ten years, Elois held high offices, served her local 4-H club as a junior leader, was a camp counsellor, and gave demonstrations on feeding a dairy calf, oiling the sewing machine, and making silver polish. She is also interested in leading groups in games and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sewing, skating, and bowling.

WHITE, Evelyn Estella

351 Mohican Terrace, Hudson Falls, Washington
County, N.Y.

Date of Birth:

January 7, 1928

Evelyn White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon White, lives on a small chicken and vegetable farm in Washington County, New York. She is a student of Psychology and Nursing at Skidmore College and Monte Forie School of Practical Nursing. Evelyn has been very active in church activities, such as a member of youth fellowship, sunday school teacher for 6 years, bible school teacher for 3 years, and 2 years as sunday school superintendent. She has been a 4-H Club member for 12 years and a 4-H Club leader for 7 years. As a 4-H member, Evelyn attended County 4-H Camp, State 4-H Club Congress, National 4-H Congress in Chicago and was especially interested in her garden projects. She has had considerable experience in speaking before groups, giving radio talks and demonstrations. She enjoys leading groups in singing, games and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Photography, knitting and painting.

FINLAND

BAMFORD, Erna Lucy
Date of Birth:

RFD #1, Livermore Falls, Androscoggin Co., Maine
August 22, 1929

Erna Bamford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bamford, was born on a 127 acre dairy farm and general crops farm in Androscoggin County, Maine. She was a 4-H Club member for 8 years and represented her state at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in 1950 as State 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstrator. She has also been active in the Baptist Church, Girls Scouts and in high school and college home economics clubs. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maine where she studied home economics for four years, majoring in foods and nutrition. She has served as a dining room manager at the Mt. Desert Island Biological Laboratory and for the past two years has a graduate assistantship in foods research at the New York College of Home Economics, Cornell University, where she is also studying for a Master of Science degree. She plans to enter college teaching. Miss Bamford reads some French although she does not speak it. Her Hobbies are cooking and handwork. Religious preference: Protestant.

BURKMAN, Donald Wendell Martin RFD, Garretson, Minnehaha County, South Dakota
Date of Birth: July 1, 1924

Donald Burkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burkman, was born and reared on a 604 acre general farm in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. On the 580 tillable acres over half of the acreage is devoted to corn, the remaining to oats and hay; these feed crops are used for the 43 dairy animals and 55 feeding cattle. Donald has had experience working with all of these phases of agriculture. He studied agriculture in high school for two years and also two years of shop which is one of his hobbies. He was an 11-year 4-H Club member, representing his state at National 4-H Club Congress, took part in judging and demonstration teams, attended 4-H county camps. Donald has been a leader in the many activities of his church as Sunday School teacher, participating in the choir, and in the young people's organization. Other organizations in which he has an active part include: Future Farmers of America, Minnehaha County Farm Bureau, Crop Improvement Association, Milk Producers Association, and the Rural Youth Club which he helped organize then served as president and vice-president. Donald enjoys working with people, giving radio talks, giving public talks and public demonstrations. He has some understanding of the Swedish language. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Shop work.

MATTILA, Marlene Easter RR #1, Sebeka, Wadena County, Minnesota
Date of Birth: March 28, 1932

Marlene Mattila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mattila, lives on a 440 acre farm in Wadena County, Minnesota, on which dairy and truck garden crops are the important enterprises. Miss Mattila is teaching second grade in the Moose Lake Public Schools. She graduated from St. Cloud State Teachers College in elementary education. She can read, understand, and speak Finnish as a result of family training; her ancestors were from Finland. Miss Mattila has taken an active part in church, high school, Extension and college activities. She is at present a Girl Scout leader and at one time was a member for three years. She was a 4-H Club member for 7 years, a junior leader for 5 years and has served as a district director of the Minnesota Junior Vegetable Growers Association. As a 4-H member, she gave many talks and demonstrations, was local club officer and represented her state at National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Marlene enjoys working with group activities, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Youth group guidance, book collections and outdoor sports.

ROBINSON, Edna Lucille Millerport, Fairfield County, Ohio
Date of Birth: October 26, 1931

Lucille Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson, lives on a 200 acre general farm in Fairfield County, Ohio, where swine are the important enterprises. She is a fourth-year student at the Ohio State University majoring in Home Economics Education. She has considerable experience in youth and other organization activities. These include: church youth fellowship, home economics club, Grange (9 years), Farm Bureau, home economics college honorary, 4-H Club member (10 years), 4-H Club leader (3 years) 4-H Club summer camps, and banquet chairman for annual state folk dance festival. Lucille has given many project demonstrations, has been narrator for local dress reviews and was a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. She enjoys leading people in group activities, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Folk dancing, reading, sewing, cooking.

FRANCE

GUILFOIL, Nancy Jane
Date of Birth:

RFD #7, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky
March 13, 1931

Nancy Guilfoil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Guilfoil, lives on a 107 acre general farm on which tobacco, corn, hay and beef cattle are raised in Fayette County, Kentucky. At present she is a fourth year student at the University of Kentucky, majoring in home economics. She plans to become an Extension Agent after graduation and work with either 4-H groups or adults. Miss Guilfoil has taken part in her church youth programs, has directed the choir and has served as the Sunday School secretary. She is an 11-year 4-H Club member and was a junior leader of her local club for 3 years. Nancy has had experience in giving demonstrations, public and radio talks, and participating in panel discussions. She enjoys leading groups in singing and she plays the piano. She has given piano lessons and one of her hobbies is transposing music. She can read, speak and understand some French. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sewing, and refinishing furniture.

PRATHER, Martha Jane
Date of Birth:

RR #3, Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois
May 17, 1931

Martha Prather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Prather, was born and reared on a 360 acre farm where the main enterprises are small grains, orchard, hogs, and a herd of Holstein-Friesian dairy cattle. She is a fourth year student at the University of Illinois, where she is majoring in Home Economics. She plans to do work in foods and nutrition after graduation. She was an 11-year 4-H Club member in an agricultural club also a 9-year member in a home economics club. Martha was an officer in both clubs. She has received outstanding recognition in dairy judging, food preparation, demonstrations in foods and home safety. She has served as a junior leader in the agriculture club for three years. She has taken an active part in Rural Youth, church youth fellowship and Sunday school and the home economics honorary organization in college. These activities together with her experience in giving many talks and playing piano for elementary Sunday school are examples of her interest in people. She can read, speak and understand French. She enjoys leading groups in games and discussions and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Corresponding with a pen pal in France and Norway, playing the piano and horseback riding.

SAUCY, Howard
Date of Birth:

RFD, Dundee, Marion County, Oregon
March 26, 1928

Howard Saucy, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Saucy, was born and reared on a 453 acre farm in Marion County, Oregon. Strawberries and sweet corn are the important crops on the 350 irrigated acres of the farm. Livestock consists of 200 sheep. He is a third year student at Oregon State College, where he is studying agriculture. After graduation, Howard plans to farm in partnership with his father. During his 5 years of 4-H Club work he has been an officer several times, served one year as a 4-H leader and attended 4-H summer school for three years. He has had considerable experience calling square dances and teaching folk dances for five years. At the present time he is earning his way through college by directing four square dance groups. He is an active church member and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for two years. Howard can read, speak and understand some French. He enjoys leading groups in discussions and recreation. For 4 months he directed a 15-minute weekly old time music radio program. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Folk dancing, singing, playing saxophone.

UNGER, Verne Theodore

11582 E. South Avenue, Selma, Fresno County,
California

Date of Birth:

December 8, 1929

Verne Unger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Unger, lives on a 240 acre general farm of which 120 acres is devoted to a vineyard and 50 acres to orchard in Fresno County, California. Verne spent four years in the United States Navy and is now a first year student at Fresno State College studying general agriculture. He has been a member of the Boy Scouts, Future Farmers of America, and many high school organizations. He has traveled in Korea, Asia, Alaska, Canada and most of the western states. He has had experience in appearing before groups on the organization of which he was a member and also in sharing his travel experiences. Verne has some reading knowledge of Spanish. He enjoys leading groups in games and discussions, and playing the piano. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, and music.

GERMANY

BENNETT, Mildred Jean

Box 546, Stratford, Texas

Date of Birth:

September 12, 1932

Mildred Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett, was born on a 640 acre farm at Stratford, Texas, where wheat, corn, hogs and Hereford cattle are the important enterprises. She studied Home Economics for 2 years in high school and is now in her first year at West Texas State College majoring in Pre-medical Science. She can read, speak and understand some German. She has been active in the youth activities of her church and the church choir. She has been a leader for one year of a Girl Scout Troop and a member of the Future Homemakers in high school. A 4-H Club member for 10 years. Mildred has been a local club officer, a junior leader, secretary of the state 4-H organization, won county and state recognition in dress revue competition and led group discussions at 4-H Activities. She has given public demonstrations and illustrated talks. Mildred enjoys leading groups in games, singing and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Reading, horseback, riding, photography.

COOKSEY, Eloise Merle

Willisburg, Kentucky

Date of Birth:

June 6, 1932

Eloise Cooksey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cooksey, lives on a 300 acre farm at Willisburg, Kentucky, where they raise tobacco, small grains, soybeans, some beef cattle and sheep. Eloise is now a fourth year student at the University of Kentucky, where she is majoring in Home Economics. After graduation, she would like to become a Home Demonstration Agent for the Extension Service. She has participated in the many activities of her church, collegiate 4-H Club, home economics club, home economics honorary organization and pep club. As a 4-H member for ten years, Eloise gave many demonstrations in foods and clothing. She attended National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in 1949. She has attended provincial and national home economics conferences as a representative of her collegiate home economics club. In 4-H activities, Eloise has received state recognition in leadership and citizenship. Leading groups in discussions, giving radio and public talks, and writing news articles are among the activities she enjoys. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: sewing, fancy cooking.

DAVIS, Jerry Robert

4393 S. Vassar Rd., Vassar, Tuscola County,
Michigan

Date of Birth:

August 19, 1932

Jerry Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Davis, was born and reared on a 220 acre general farm in Tuscola County, Michigan. Jerry studied vocational agriculture in high school and is now a fourth-year student at Michigan State College majoring in History. After graduation he plans to teach history in high school in a rural community. He has had extensive experience with youth organizations and youth leadership. Mr. Davis was a 4-H member for 8 years. He has been an officer of his local 4-H Club, junior leader for 4 years and a member of the 4-H Service Club. As a member of the Junior Farm Bureau, he served on the county advisory council and State planning committees. Jerry has also been active in Future Farmers in high school, church youth fellowship group and college student government. As a member of these organizations he has had considerable experience in public demonstrations and talks, which he enjoys doing. Jerry can read, speak, and understand some German. He enjoys leading groups in singing, games, and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Reading, collecting coins, art.

DRANEY, Patricia Ann

Fairview, Kansas

Date of Birth:

September 25, 1932

Patricia Ann Draney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Draney, was born and reared on a 340 acre general farm at Fairview, Kansas. She studied home economics for two years in high school and is now majoring in Home Economics Education at Kansas State College, where she is a third-year student. After graduation, she plans to teach home economics in high school. She has been active in 4-H Club work for eight years. In college, she has been an officer or committee worker in collegiate 4-H Club, home economics club, and numerous other organizations, fraternal and church. Her demonstrations have been on cooking, clothing and other topics in her 4-H Club projects. As a 4-H Club member, she held local club offices, was a junior leader, and received county and district recognition for her 4-H achievements. Patricia Ann enjoys leading groups in singing, games and discussions, also giving radio talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Catholic. Hobbies: Sewing, swimming, sports.

EVERLING, Bonnie Elaine

Box 145, Lingle, Wyoming

Date of Birth:

December 17, 1931

Bonnie Everling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Everling, was born on an 80 acre general livestock farm at Lingle, Wyoming. She has had experience helping with farm work including harvesting fruit in orchards in Idaho during the summer. She is now a fourth year student at the University of Wyoming majoring in Home Economics in preparation to becoming a Home Demonstration Agent. She has taken part in 4-H Club work (8 years), her church's youth group, Home Economics club and honorary organization in college, Collegiate 4-H Club and college student senate. She has given 4-H demonstrations in foods and clothing, and has served her local club as a junior leader in clothing. The past summer, Bonnie worked as an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent as part of her professional training. She has some knowledge of the Spanish language. Bonnie enjoys leading groups in singing, games, and discussions, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sewing, music and sports.

KOEGEL, Richard George

5749 S. 13th Street, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County,
Wisconsin

Date of Birth:

May 26, 1932

Richard Koegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Koegel, lives on a 20 acre general farm in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Richard is a third year student at the University of Wisconsin where he is studying Agriculture Engineering. He is an 11-year member of a 4-H Club and has been a club officer, junior leader for 6 years, president of the county council and delegate to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Demonstrations he has given in his club work include safety with knives, proper lighting and culling poultry. An active church member, Robert has also been a Sunday School Teacher. He is very interested in music and has participated in school and civic bands and orchestras. He can read, speak and understand German. Leading groups in games and discussions, giving radio and public talks are among the activities Richard enjoys. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Music and home workshop.

PAINE, Lorna Jean

Box 155, Byers, Colorado

Date of Birth:

November 9, 1931

Lorna Paine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Paine, lives on a 960 acre dryland farm where wheat is the major crop at Byers, Colorado. Lorna is now a fourth-year student at Colorado A & M College, where she is studying Home Economics in preparation for work as a Home Demonstration Agent or Home Economics Teacher. Miss Paine has completed 10 years of 4-H Club work. During this time, she was a club officer, a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress, leader of the club for two years, and gave many demonstrations in clothing and nutrition. She has also taken part in Future Homemakers in high school. Lorna has participated in Collegiate 4-H Club, Spanish Club, Church Youth Fellowship organization and Counselettes which is counselling younger girls in college. She can read and speak some Spanish. Lorna enjoys working with groups, writing news articles and giving radio and public talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Hiking, horseback riding, sewing, cooking, and drawing.

GREECE

SMITH, Robert Allen

404 North 16th Street, Marshalltown, Marshall
County, Iowa

Date of Birth:

July 27, 1931

Robert Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cady Smith, was born and reared on a 160 acre general crop farm in Marshall County, Iowa. Farm livestock consists of swine and Purebred Shorthorn beef cattle. Robert has an outstanding record of achievements in the many organizations in which he has participated. As a 4-H Club member for 11 years, he has been an officer of his local club, also, county and state 4-H organizations. He was a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago National Camp in Washington, D.C., National Soil Conservation Winner and received the State Achievement award. He was State Boys' 4-H president for one year which gave him many opportunities to speak to audiences throughout the state. He is a member of the Rural Youth, College 4-H Club, Y.M.C.A. and Shorthorn Breeder's Association. His church activities include youth fellowship and choir. Robert is a second year student at Iowa State College where he is

majoring in animal husbandry. After graduation he plans to become a County Extension Agent. He enjoys musical activities, leading group games and discussions, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. He has had considerable experience singing in choirs, quartettes and singing solos. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Working in organizations, music, fishing, reading and horse-back riding.

WENZEL, Roger John
Date of Birth:

RFD #1, Hilbert, Calumet County, Wisconsin
April 7, 1931

Roger Wenzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wenzel, lives on a 208 acre farm in Calumet County, Wisconsin, where small grain crops, truck garden crops, hogs and dairy cattle are important farm enterprises. Roger studied vocational agriculture in high school for four years. He is a fourth year student at Mission House College where he is studying philosophy and history. A member of the Future Farmers of America for 4 years, he was chapter officer, member of the state band, and attended the national convention. Roger has been an active member of high school and college music organizations. He was a 4-H Club member for 12 years and a junior leader for 5 years. He has given many demonstrations about his 4-H projects. Roger is a Sunday school teacher, member of the young people's group, sings in 2 church choirs and takes part in all the activities of his church. He has some knowledge of German, Greek and French. He enjoys leading group singing, games, and discussions, singing solos, and giving radio and public talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Leaf identification, music, and athletics.

WHITFIELD, William Dorsey
Date of Birth:

RFD #1, Plainview, Macoupin County, Illinois
September 1, 1932

William Whitfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Whitfield, lives on a 360 acre farm where corn, wheat, oats and soybeans are raised, in Macoupin County, Illinois. Farm livestock consists of beef cattle, sheep and hogs. A second year student at the University of Illinois, William is majoring in agriculture education. He has had experience in working with people in many organizations as a member and a leader. His activities include Rural Youth (2 years), 4-H Club work (9 years), Dairy Production Club, college livestock show, agriculture club, athletics and livestock judging contests. As a 4-H member, he was club officer, president of county federation, junior leader for 2 years and counselor for county 4-H state fair group. William enjoys leading group games and discussions, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sports, mountain climbing.

IRELAND - NORTHERN IRELAND

CONLIN, Mary Geraldine
Date of Birth:

RFD #3, Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin
March 14, 1931

Mary Conlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Conlin, lives on a 146 acre farm in Columbia County, Wisconsin, where 56 pure-bred Holsteins are the important farm enterprise. She studied home economics in high school and is working for a degree at the University of Wisconsin, where she is majoring in home economics. After graduation in 1953, Mary plans to become a Home Demonstration Agent with the Extension Service. Her many activities in high school include: Future Homemakers,

debate club, dramatics club, yearbook staff and chorus. In college, Mary has been active in class activities, student council, collegiate 4-H club, church youth groups, choir, home economics club and professional home economics honorary organization. A 9-year 4-H member, she has been a local club officer, a junior leader and a member of the county leaders council. Mary received state recognition in the Clothing Revue, clothing project and demonstration contest. She also received county recognition for her many 4-H accomplishments. She can read and understand some French. Last summer, Mary spent 2½ months in Sauk County as a 4-H Club Agent. She enjoys giving radio and public talks and leading group games. Religious preference: Catholic. Hobbies: Square dancing, sewing, cooking.

PARKER, Robert Wooten
Date of Birth:

RFD, Macclesfield, Edgecombe County, North Carolina
April 1, 1933

Robert Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Parker, lives on a 100 acre general farm in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Farm crops are tobacco, peanuts and corn. After studying vocational agriculture in high school for 3 years, Robert continued his agricultural education at North Carolina State College where he is majoring in animal industry. He has had experience with youth organizations as a member and a leader. Robert was a Boy Scout (8 years), Scoutmaster (2 years), Future Farmers of America (3 years), and 4-H Club member (9 years). He has given many demonstrations and more than 75 talks. As a 4-H member, he was outstanding county 4-H member, president of state 4-H, officer of local club, member of winning livestock judging team in the state, State Leadership Winner, National Recreation Winner and a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Robert has been chairman of recreation for State 4-H Club Week, and has worked as recreation instructor at 4-H camps in North Carolina. He enjoys leading group activities, and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Music, collecting records, folk games and dances, camping.

PETRAK, Ronald Dean
Date of Birth:

Alburnett, Linn County, Iowa
September 21, 1931

Ronald Petrak, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Petrak, is a fourth year student at Iowa State College majoring in rural sociology. He was born and raised on a 96 acre farm in Linn County, Iowa, where corn, swine, and dairy cattle are important enterprises. As a 10-year 4-H member, he was local club officer, officer in the county council, State Dairy Heifer Production Winner, recipient of county and state awards in soil conservation, and a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. He has been very active in his church's organizations. These include: sunday school officer, officer in local and state youth fellowship activities, and leader in college religious groups; he has had considerable experience in leading devotions and enjoys appearing before groups in talks and demonstrations. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Coin collecting and reading.

TAYLOR, Lois May
Date of Birth:

Route 1, Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky
November 11, 1931

Lois Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Redwood Taylor, lives on a 200 acre general farm in Boyd County, Kentucky. She is a third year student at the University of Kentucky, where she is preparing herself to become a home economics instructor. A 9-year 4-H Club member, she has been president of her club and recreation leader. She has won several county and district honors for her 4-H accomplishments. In

high school, college and church, she has taken part in many activities, and has been a member and officer of Future Homemakers of America, Senior Girl Scout, editor of her high school year book, and a member of womens glee club and church choir. She enjoys leading groups in singing and discussions. Her organizational activities have given her many opportunities to appear before groups in talks and demonstrations. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sports, writing letters, sewing and music.

ISRAEL

HOLMAN, Harriet Marilyn
Date of Birth:

Route 3, Union City, Obion County, Tennessee
July 9, 1928

Marilyn Holman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holman, lives on a 430 acre small grain and livestock farm in Obion County, Tennessee. She is at present, Health and Physical Education teacher at Dyersburg High School. She received her degree at Memphis State College and plans to become a recreational director. She has had considerable experience with young people, both as a teacher and as a member of 4-H Club, school, church and farm organization groups. She has given many demonstrations on phases of recreational activities. She has been a girl scout leader and a camp counsellor. Marilyn enjoys working with people in group activities. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sports, working with flowers.

LEGG, Donald Keith
Date of Birth:

North Fork Route, Cody, Wyoming
June 25, 1929

Donald Legg, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Legg, lives on a 320 acre small grain and livestock ranch in Park County, Wyoming. He received a four year degree in agronomy in 1952 at the University of Wyoming. Donald is now employed at the State Seed Laboratory at the University Campus. He has had experience in 4-H Club work, both as a club member and club leader. As a 4-H member, Donald was a club officer, received two trips to livestock shows, was a delegate to National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C. and National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. He has given demonstrations at the county fair and a number of talks about his 4-H travels. He was assistant club leader for 3 years and a member of the County 4-H Council. Activities in college included musical organizations, agricultural club and the agriculture honorary fraternity. He enjoys leading groups games and giving radio talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Out door sports and playing the harmonica.

VANDIVER, Carolyn
Date of Birth:

RR #2, Leonard, Shelby County, Missouri
July 19, 1932

Carolyn Vandiver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Vandiver, lives on a 680 acre general farm in Shelby County, Missouri. Farm enterprises include raising corn, soybeans, hogs and sheep. She is a third-year student at the University of Missouri, where she is majoring in Extension Home Economics. She has participated in many organizations in high school and college, including, 4-H Club work, Future Homemakers, home economics club and church youth group. In her 11 years as a 4-H Club member, Carolyn completed 43 projects, was a junior leader, local club officer, member of county 4-H council, and represented her state at National 4-H

camp in Washington, D.C. She has had many experiences giving demonstrations, talks, both radio and public, and presiding as chairman at county and district meetings. Carolyn enjoys leading groups in songs, games and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Handcrafts, swimming, skating, dancing, and collecting replicas of paintings.

WILSON, Charles W.
Date of Birth:

Route #3, Eupora, Mississippi
June 3, 1933

Charles Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, lives on a 281 acre farm at Eupora, Mississippi, where corn, cotton, beef cattle and poultry are the important enterprises. Interested in agricultural work, Charles is now a third year student at Clarke Memorial College studying animal husbandry. He was active in high school activities and received the American Legion Citizenship award. A 4-H Club member for 9 years, he was a club officer, State Beef Winner, and gave 31 demonstrations, radio and public talks. He attended National 4-H Club Congress as a representative of his state. He has also been active in his local church activities and college religious organizations. Charles enjoys leading group activities as singing, games and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: fishing, reading.

JAPAN

BUFFINGTON, Barbara Jean
Date of Birth:

Rt. #3, Emporia, Kansas
October 23, 1932

Barbara Buffington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buffington, lives on an 80 acre general crop and livestock farm in Chase County, Kansas. She has had considerable experience in raising chickens and ducks. Barbara is now a third year student at Kansas State College where she is majoring in home economics in preparation to becoming a Home Demonstration Agent. She was a 4-H Club member for 9 years and has received county and state honors for her many project achievements. She has participated in local and district speech contests. Barbara is also a member of the Collegiate 4-H Club, Extension Club, Home Economics Club and church youth fellowship. She enjoys leading group games and discussions, giving radio talks, public talks, public demonstrations and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Needlework, reading, and friends.

GROOMS, Gerald Carr
Date of Birth:

RR #1, Mason, Warren County, Ohio
July 13, 1931

Gerald Grooms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grooms, lives on a 160 acre general crop and livestock farm in Warren County, Ohio. Gerald has been working for the Halley Farm Management Association. He attended Ohio State University and received a degree in Farm Management. He was active in college activities and also has been a 4-H Club member, Senior Scout, and member of the Grange. He has had much experience in working with groups as he has been the president of nearly every organization of which he has been a member. Gerald enjoys leading group games and discussions, writing news articles, singing vocal solos and giving public talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Photography, music, tennis and swimming.

LEBANON - SYRIA

SCOGGINS, Leland Carroll

Route 1, Box 62, Anacoco, Vernon County,
Louisiana

Date of Birth:

May 16, 1933

Leland Scoggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Scoggins, lives on a 40 acre general crop and livestock farm in Vernon County, Louisiana. He has had experience in farming for himself and in share cropping for other people. A third year student at Louisiana State University, Leland is majoring in Agriculture Education. After graduation he plans to become a vocational agriculture instructor or a County Agent for the Extension Service. He is working part time at the University Horticulture Department on plant experimentation. A member of the Future Farmers of America for 4 years, Leland was an officer, member of the judging team, and represented his chapter at the State and National FFA conventions. He was in 4-H Club work for 8 years. During this time, he was a club officer, junior leader for four years, and received recognition for his achievements in judging, demonstrations, health record, and leadership. He was a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Leland has also taken an active part in the activities of his church. He enjoys leading group singing, games and discussions, public speaking and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Raising beef cattle, collecting flower plants of all kinds.

SPOONER, Cecil Randolph

RFD, Iron City, Seminok County, Georgia

Date of Birth:

December 8, 1925

Cecil Spooner, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Spooner, lives on a 375 acre general crop and livestock farm in Seminok County, Georgia. He studied vocational agriculture in high school for four years. He is now a fourth year student at the University of Georgia where he is majoring in Agriculture Education. After graduation he plans to become a vocational agriculture instructor in high school. Cecil has taken an active part in Future Farmers of America, Agriculture Club, Alpha Zeta (Agriculture scholastic fraternity), 4-H Club Work, College 4-H club and college student government. He is president of his senior class at University of Georgia. In his various organizational activities he has been an officer and a committee member many times. These activities have afforded him opportunities for radio and public talks and demonstrations. He enjoys leading group games and discussions, public speaking and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, dancing and swimming.

WEIXELMAN, Donald B.

Louisville, Pottawatomie County, Kansas

Date of Birth:

August 30, 1932

Donald Weixelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Weixelman, was born and reared on a 240 acre general crop and livestock farm in Pottawatomie County, Kansas. He studied vocational agriculture in high school for four years. Now a third year student at Kansas State College, Donald is majoring in Agriculture Economics. After graduation he plans to become a county agent for the Extension Service. He has been an active member of the Future Farmers of America for 4 years. During that time he has been a club officer, and received the Chapter and State Farmer Awards. He has also participated on the judging and shop teams of his local club. In college, he is a member of his church youth group and a social fraternity.

Donald has had many experiences speaking to large audiences and placed in the State FFA speaking contest. He enjoys public speaking, writing news articles and leading group discussions. Religious preference: Catholic. Hobbies: Photography, swimming, and sports.

LUXEMBOURG

MEYER, James Anthony
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #1, North Fairfield, Huron County, Ohio
July 31, 1932

James Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Meyer, lives on a 126 acre general livestock farm in Huron County, Ohio. He is interested in Extension Service work after his graduation from Ohio State University where he is now a third year agricultural student. He has had considerable experience in youth organizations and working with young people. This includes: 4-H Club (7 years - president, secretary, recreation leader), Future Farmers of America (2 years - president), Rural Youth (4 years - president, vice-president), Grange (one year), Junior Fair Board (2 years - president), counsellor at 4-H camp for 6 years, assistant 4-H leader for one year. James has given talks and demonstrations on his 4-H projects. He enjoys working with groups, leading singing, games and discussions, also planning and carrying out club programs. James received leadership training at Camp Minnewanica, Michigan. He has learned some German from his grandparents. His hobbies include reading, hunting, fishing and magic. Religious preference: Protestant.

PEARCE, Eleanor rebekah
Date of Birth:

Delight Farm, Sparks, Baltimore County, Maryland
May 20, 1931

Eleanor Pearce, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearce, was born and reared on a 252 acre farm on which dairying is the important enterprise in Baltimore County, Maryland. She studied elementary education for 4 years at the University of Delaware and is now a fourth grade teacher. She has had considerable experience with young people, both as a teacher and as a member of 4-H Club, school, church and farm organizations. During her nine years of 4-H Club work, she gave many demonstrations and received special recognition for a team demonstration of the Use of Milk. She worked at county 4-H camp as a counsellor and project leader and represented her state at National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. She has studied French for two years and Spanish for one year. Last summer Eleanor was a member of an organized tour to seven European countries. She enjoys leading groups in songs, games, and discussions, also giving radio and public talks. Her hobbies include reading, knitting, swimming and collecting stamps. Religious preference: Protestant.

NETHERLANDS

BOWDLER, Geraldine Ann
Date of Birth:

R.F. #1, Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio
May 14, 1931

Geraldine Bowdler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bowdler, lives on a 120 acre truck garden farm in Ashtabula County, Ohio. She has had considerable experience working with fruits and vegetables as they have 20 acres in vegetables and 90 acres in apples, grapes, peaches and cherries. Geraldine is now a fourth year student at Muskingum College, where she is majoring in Sociology. After graduation, she plans to do recreational and community work with teenage young people. A 4-year 4-H Club member, she has given demonstrations

attended Ohio Club Congress, served as a 4-H camp counsellor, given radio talks and served her local club as an officer. She has been a 4-H Club Leader for 2 years. Mis Bowdler has taken an active part in church, Grange, Girl Scouts and Y.W.C.A. organizational activities as a member and a leader. She can read, speak and understand some French. She enjoys leading groups in singing, games and discussions. Religious Preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Knitting, reading and sports.

COPELAND, Mary Margaret
Date of Birth:

Rt. 2 Box 116, Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas
April 22, 1932

Mary Margaret Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Copeland, lives on a 120 acre dairy farm in Craighead County, Arkansas. She studied Home Economics for two years in high school, attended Arkansas State College for three years majoring in Music Education and is now teaching Social Science in the high school in Harrisburg, Arkansas. She has been active in youth, church and other groups. Among these are: Baptist Youth Group, Sunday School teacher, musical groups, as college choir and trio, 4-H Club member for 9 years and 4-H Club Leader. As a 4-H member, she held offices in her local club, also the county council and received recognition as state winner in Dairy Foods demonstrations. She can read Italian and learned word pronunciation of the language while studying voice. Mary Margaret enjoys leading groups in games, singing, and discussion, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. Religious Preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Oil Painting, music, working with rural people.

MAGNESS, John Henry
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2 Box 28, BelAir, Harford County, Maryland
January 1, 1923

John Magness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Magness, was born and raised on a 175 acre farm, where general crops are grown and Purebred Jersey cattle are an important enterprise in Harford County, Maryland. John is very interested in agriculture and is now working at home with his father. He has been active in 4-H Club Work as a member and a leader. As a 4-H member, he was an officer of his local club and the County 4-H Senior Council. His greatest interest was in the dairy projects as a member so he continued his interest by serving as leader of a dairy club for 8 years. He has also been active in organizations and activities of his church, Farm Bureau and Grange. He enjoys leading groups in singing, games and discussions. Giving public and radio talks and demonstrations, which he enjoys, have given him experience in appearing before groups. He has some knowledge of the French language. Religious Preference: Catholic. Hobbies: Softball and basket ball.

SHOEMYER, Robert William
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #4, Madison, Shelby County, Missouri
December 1, 1930

Robert Shoemyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Shoemyer, studied vocational agriculture in high school and is now farming in partnership with his father in Shelby County, Missouri. Their farm consists of 693 acres and the important enterprises are small grain crops, beef cattle and swine. Robert was a member of the Future Farmers of America for 7 years during which time he received outstanding recognition in the state and nation for his achievements. He has participated in poultry, dairy, field crops and livestock state judging teams. Robert has also been active in church activities, 4-H Club work for 2 years and farm organizations. His experiences in appearing before people include participating in public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests, demonstrations and radio

broadcasts. He enjoys leading groups in recreation. Religious Preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, reading and cooking.

SMITH, Sybil Jo
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Collidge, Thomas County, Georgia
July 13, 1929

Sybil Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith, is now working on an advanced degree at the University of Georgia, in Home Economics Education. When she has completed her degree, she plans to teach secondary Home Economics or work for the Extension Service. Sybill was born on a 360 acre farm in Thomas County, Georgia, where corn, cabbage, peanuts, and dairying are the important enterprises. She has been very active in church youth work and Sunday School, also many high school and college organizations. As a 6 year 4-H Club Member, she received special recognition in leadership and represented her state at a national leadership training camp. She is a member of the college 4-H Club and has given many demonstrations in gardening, clothing, and food projects. She has been a member of the college Glee Club and also enjoys leading group singing. She likes to write news articles and help groups with discussions and with recreation. Religious Preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sports, small craft work and textile painting.

NORWAY

CRONIN, Helen Marie
Date of Birth:

Jane Lew, Lewis County, West Virginia
June 25, 1930

Helen Cronin, daughter of Mrs. Nina Jane Cronin, was born and raised on a 247 acre dairy farm in Lewis County, West Virginia. She is at present an elementary school teacher in Montgomery County, Maryland. Helen received her degree in Education at West Virginia Wesleyan College. She has participated in church youth fellowship, and high school Future Homemakers, pep club, school paper and yearbook staff activities. During her ten years of 4-H Club work, Helen was a local club officer, a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and a member of the All-Star Honorary Organization. She has worked at county 4-H camps for 3 years and is now a 4-H club leader in Montgomery County. She is faculty representative from her school to the county education association. She enjoys leading groups in singing and games, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sewing and reading.

HILL, Kenneth Ray
Date of Birth:

Cove, Union County, Oregon
April 17, 1932

Kenneth Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hill, lives on a 200 acre farm in Union County, Oregon. Small grain crops and feed are raised on the 140 tillable acres. Livestock consists of small herds of beef cattle, sheep and swine. Kenneth studied vocational agriculture for 2 years in high school and is now a third-year student at Oregon State College. He is majoring in Agriculture Education and plans to become a vocational agriculture instructor. Kenneth has been active in Boy Scouts, 4-H Club Work, Future Farmers, college 4-H Club and church organizations and activities. In his six years of 4-H Club work, Kenneth was a local club officer, delegate to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, State Achievement Cup Winner, and a 4-H Club leader for 2 years. He has given demonstrations and illustrated talks. He enjoys leading group games and discussions, writing news articles, and giving radio and public talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Collecting Indian relics, keeping a daily activity diary.

KORSLUND, Lois Nanette
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Eagle Grove, Iowa
May 19, 1930

Lois Korslund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Korslund, was born and reared on a 240 acre farm of which 221 acres are tillable and in forage and small grain. Livestock consists of swine and cattle. After attending St. Olaf College and Iowa State College, Lois received a degree in Home Economics education and is now an instructor in New Hampton High School. She can read, speak and understand some French. Lois was very active in high school and college organizations and activities. These include: church youth group, home economics club, student government, school publications, class activities and education club. As a 4-H Club member for 7 years, Lois was a local and county club officer, received county and state recognition in style review, good grooming contest, and record book completeness. She has given many demonstrations as a homemaking instructor to high school and adult classes. Lois enjoys leading groups in games and discussions, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Crafts, reading and sewing.

STITLE, V. Jean
Date of Birth:

R.D. #4 Salem, Mahoning County, Ohio
April 28, 1931

Jean Stitle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stitle, was born and reared on a 120 acre farm in Mahoning County, Ohio, where general crops are grown and turkeys are an important enterprise. She is a fourth-year student at Ohio State University majoring in Home Economics. After graduation, Jean plans to become a Home Demonstration Agent. She has been active in Grange, 4-H Club Work, church activities, college home economics club and home economics honorary organization, and other organizations. A 4-H Club member for 10 years, Jean has been a club officer, a junior leader for 2 years, counsellor and discussion leader at Ohio 4-H Club Congress and a member of the University 4-H club. She worked one summer as a county 4-H Club Agent in charge of all girls 4-H club activities. She enjoys leading group activities and giving radio and public talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Reading, spectator sports and square dancing.

PORTUGAL

WHITEHAIR, Paul Loren
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #3, Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas
February 23, 1932

Paul Whitehair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitehair, lives on a 500 acre wheat and cattle farm in Dickinson County, Kansas. Paul is a fourth-year student at Kansas State College where he is majoring in Milling Administration. Because of his special interest, Paul has worked in mill and elevator stations and spent one summer as a crop inspector. He has been an active member of the Catholic Youth Organization, Future Farmers of America, athletic association and commercial club in high school. College activities include, officer in social fraternity and social chairman of Milling Association. He was a 4-H Club member for five years. He enjoys leading group discussions, writing news articles and giving public talks. He can understand some of the German language of family training. Religious preference: Catholic. Hobbies: Social activities, sports and photography.

SCOTLAND

BECKER, Dick Allen
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Woodburn, Indiana
October 19, 1932

Dick Allen Becker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Becker, was born and reared on a 220 acre dairy, poultry, hogs and general farm in Woodburn, Indiana. He has been a 4-H member for 9 years and represented his state at National 4-H Club Camp in 1952 in Washington, D.C. Dick has been a member of the Future Farmers of America, and has been active in Boy Scouts, church activities, amateur dramatics in high school and county 4-H activities. Last year he received recognition in the State 4-H Achievement Contest. He is now a second year agricultural student at Purdue University specializing in dairy production. He has participated on dairy judging teams and received recognition in State 4-H Efficient Dairy Production. Dick enjoys public speaking in which he has had experience in contests and as toastmaster at banquets. He also enjoys leading groups in discussions and games. His hobbies include making new friends and showing his Ayrshire cattle for which he has received recognition in county and state showmanship contests. Religious preference: Protestant.

BUGBEE, Marion Jane
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Caribou, Aroostook County, Maine
June 17, 1932

Marion Bugbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Bugbee, was born on an 80 acre potato and small grain farm in Aroostook County, Maine. She was a 4-H Club member for 6 years and carried projects in clothing and foods. She has assisted with a club of younger 4-H Club girls. Miss Bugbee has been active in amateur dramatics in high school and college. She is a third year student of home economics education at the University of Maine and plans to become a teacher of home economics when she graduates in 1954. She enjoys leading group singing and recreation. Her hobbies include needlework, freehand painting, interior decorating, photography, winter sports and rifle marksmanship. Miss Bugbee can read and speak some French. Religious preference: Protestant.

KEESLING, (William) Frank
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Lovettsville, Loudoun County, Virginia
October 15, 1932

William Frank Keesling, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Keesling, Sr., was born in Limon, Colorado. He now lives on a 320 acre farm on which small grains, hay, beef cattle, swine and sheep are raised in Loudoun County, Virginia. He studied vocational agriculture in high school for 4 years. He has been a 4-H member for 10 years and held every office except song leader. Frank is now Senior 4-H Leader but has served as Tractor Maintenance project leader for 2 years and Junior Leader of his local 4-H club for 3 years. He has been active in his Future Farmers of America local chapter serving as President and Vice-President. He is a three year member in a Young Farmer's Club and has been in the 4-H All Star Chapter for 4 years. He has represented his state in the National Livestock Judging Contest in Chicago and also at National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. Frank enjoys leading groups in games and discussions, giving radio talks, public talks, and demonstrations. His hobbies are collecting 4-H ribbons, and postcards. Religious preference: Protestant.

MACRAE, Jennie Louise
Date of Birth:

Star Rt. #2, Shelton, Mason County, Washington
February 6, 1932

Jennie MacRae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John MacRae, was born on a 510 acre general farm where they raise grain crops, beef cattle, sheep, dairy and

Christmas trees. She studied home economics and journalism in high school and is now in her second year at Washington State College majoring in home economics with a minor in journalism. Jennie has been active in home economics activities in high school and college. She has had journalism experience on school papers and annuals. She was the editor when her high school paper received special recognition. During the summer she has filled in positions of News and Society Editor for the Shelton-Mason County Journal. Jennie hopes to do home economics journalism for the Extension Service. She was a 4-H member for 7 years and received top county and state awards in clothing, baking and forestry exhibits. She has helped younger 4-H members in her 4-H club and participated in instructing and counseling at county camp. Her 4-H experiences also include public demonstrations on her projects. After studying Spanish in high school she has some ability in reading and speaking the language. She likes to lead groups in singing, games, and discussions and to give public talks and demonstrations. Hobbies: collecting records, sewing, swimming and ice skating. Faith: Protestant. She has been active in student church groups and teaching in primary Sunday school.

SWEDEN

BENSON, Ruth Ingeborg
Date of Birth:

Orchard Homes, Missoula, Missoula County, Montana
September 20, 1931

Ruth Benson, daughter of Mrs. Olivia Benson, lives on a 25 acre dairy farm in Missoula County, Montana. She is a fourth year student at Montana State College where she is majoring in Home Economics in preparation for Home Demonstration Extension work. A 4-H Club member for 12 years, Ruth has held local club offices, has been a junior leader, has been active in college 4-H club and was selected to the 4-H honorary organization. She represented Montana at National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. and at Olds, Alberta, Canada in a Montana-Canada exchange. Her 4-H activities also include many demonstrations about her projects. Her parents immigrated from Sweden, so Ruth has some speaking knowledge of the Swedish language. She enjoys leading group games and giving public demonstrations. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sewing and sports.

MEINKE, Evelyn Mae
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Delmar, Jackson County, Iowa
January 16, 1931

Evelyn Meinke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Meinke, was born and reared on a 162 acre livestock farm in Jackson County, Iowa. Livestock on the farm consists of Guernsey dairy cattle, Purebred Duroc hogs, and sheep. Evelyn attended Iowa State Teachers College and is now an elementary school teacher. She has been active in church Sunday school, choir, youth fellowship and church camp. Evelyn is now a Girl Scout leader and an active member of the faculty club where she is teaching. In her ten years of 4-H Club work, she was local club officer, junior leader, member of county champion demonstration team, and an officer in the county council. She enjoys leading groups in games, singing and discussions, writing news articles and giving talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Swiming, reading, photography and textile painting.

RICHARDS, Roger Reid
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #1, Orleans, Harlon County, Nebraska
August 20, 1931

Roger Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Richards, was born on a 1500 acre farm in Harlon County, Nebraska. Important farm enterprises are wheat, corn, Holstein dairy cattle and Hereford cattle. Roger is now a third year student at the

University of Nebraska, where he is majoring in Agriculture with a special interest in Dairy Husbandry. He was a participant in many high school organizations and in college is a member of the 4-H Club, Dairy club, and the church youth fellowship. Dairy projects were his special interest in his 13 years as a 4-H Club member and he received county and state recognition in showmanship and dairy judging. As officer in his local club, Roger also received the county award as the outstanding 4-H club member. He enjoys leading groups in singing, games, and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Flying model airplanes.

SAYLER, Alison Bell
Date of Birth:

Jetmore, Kansas
May 10, 1932

Alison Sayler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sayler, lives in a mid-western rural community and has helped with farm work on a 640 acre wheat farm. She studied home economics in high school for three years. Alison is now a third year student at Kansas State College where she is majoring in Home Economics education. She has been active in the activities of her church, Girl Scouts, Collegiate 4-H Club, College Extension club, home economics club, student government and college band. She is also a counselor in the Freshman Guidance Program at Kansas State College. Alison enjoys leading group games and discussions, giving radio and public talks and writing news articles. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Hiking, painting and sewing.

SWITZERLAND

EAGY, Ardis Carolyn
Date of Birth:

R.D. #3, Albany, Linn County, Oregon
February 26, 1930

Ardis Eagy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eagy, is a Home Demonstration Agent for the Oregon Extension Service. She was born and reared on a 100 acre farm in Linn County, Oregon, where dairying, poultry, fruits and vegetables are important enterprises. While studying four years at Oregon State College, she was active in speech and home economics organizations. She has been a Primary Sunday School teacher, member of Future Homemakers and 4-H Club work. Ardis has given many demonstrations on topics in home furnishings, foods and clothing. She can understand and speak some French but reads the language well. Ardis enjoys working with people and leading them in group activities. She has traveled in 30 states in the midwest and east, northern Mexico and southern Canada. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sewing, cooking, photography, reading.

MATASCI, Catherine Gertrude
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #1, Box 799, San Jose, Santa Clara County,
December 10, 1931 Calif.

Catherine Matasci, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Matasci, lives on a 131 acre dairy and fruit farm in Santa Clara County, California. Catherine can speak and understand both Italian and Spanish. She is now employed by the Production and Marketing Administration as an office assistant in San Jose. She has been a 4-H Club member for eight years. As a Junior Leader, officer and member, she has been active in her local club and in county 4-H groups. She received county recognition for her accomplishments in food and clothing projects. Her activities also include many demonstrations and talks which she gave at 4-H meetings, school, civic organizations and radio programs. Catherine's mother was born in Switzerland. In 1950 Catherine and her mother spent 3 months in Switzerland and Italy visiting relations. She has also been very active in the

activities of the Grange. She enjoys leading groups in games and discussions, playing the piano, and writing news articles. Religious preference: Catholic. Hobbies: Sewing, stamp collecting, dancing and sports.

MILLER, Leonard Clell
Date of Birth:

Pontotoc County, Pontotoc, Mississippi
September 30, 1932

Clell Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller, lives on a 400 acre farm in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where corn, cotton and shorthorn cattle are farm enterprises. Clell has done general farm work, with special emphasis in Forestry, which has been his outstanding 4-H Club project. He has a keen interest in agriculture but he is now a third-year Pre-medical student at the University of Mississippi. One of the top honors of his ten years of 4-H Club-work was the recognition as State and National winner in Forestry in 1951. Besides serving as local club officer, Clell has given 3 demonstrations, 41 talks and written 11 newspaper articles about 4-H Club activities. He has also been an active member in church organizations, county and state 4-H council, Rural Youth, and collegiate organizations and activities. He can read, speak and understand some German. Clell enjoys leading groups in various activities, and giving talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Mixing with people, playing trombone, and going to football games.

WICKLINE, Nancy Louise
Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Buchanan, Botetourt County, Virginia
November 21, 1932

Nancy Wickline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wickline, lives on a 200 acre livestock farm in Botetourt County, Virginia. A third year student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Nancy is majoring in Home Economics and plans to become a Home Economist in commercial foods. In her six years of 4-H Club work she has completed fifteen projects and has given a total of 34 demonstrations. She has been a local 4-H Club officer, junior leader, member of the county council and member of 4-H honorary organization. Nancy has been a Girl Scout, active in her church activities, member of collegiate home economics and 4-H clubs. She can understand, speak and read some Spanish. She enjoys leading group activities, writing news articles and giving talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Sports, photography, making friendships with foreign students.

WIGGINS, Benjamin Stinson
Date of Birth:

Rt. #2, Hopkins, Rickland County, South Carolina
May 20, 1932

Bennie Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stinson Wiggins, lives on a 475 acre cotton and dairy farm in Rickland County, South Carolina. A second year student at Clemson A & M College, Bennie is majoring in Agriculture and plans to specialize in some phase of Dairy Industry. He has been an active member and officer of Future Farmers of America (local and county organizations), church activities and youth group, a 4-H Club (ten years), County and State 4-H Council, honorary 4-H organization, and collegiate 4-H club. He has received state recognition for accomplishments in citizenship, dairy achievement, leadership and conservation. Bennie represented South Carolina at National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C. He enjoys giving public talks and has had experience in speaking to large audiences. Leading groups in singing, games, discussions, writing news articles and giving radio talks are other activities in which he likes to participate. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Photography, horseback riding, hunting and fishing.

TUNISIA

PENNER, Willis Dean

Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Hillsboro, Marion County, Kansas
October 12, 1931

Willis Penner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Penner, is at the present time in partnership with his father on their 236 acre farm in Marion County, Kansas. Small grain crops and a herd of Registered Ayrshire dairy cattle are the important farm enterprises. Willis studied agriculture in high school and also spent some time at Bethel College studying Agriculture and Industrial Arts. A 4-H Club member for 9 years, he is interested in all phases of club work. The projects he enjoyed most were crops and soil conservation and he received many honors in his 16 dairy projects. He has been a junior leader for six years and at the present time is the leader of a dairy club. Willis has been a 4-H Council member, member of a dairy judging team and has taken many honors in showmanship contests. In high school he participated in sports, Future Farmers of America, and Y.M.C.A. youth group. He has also been active in the Sunday School of his church. He can speak and understand German fluently as his parents speak German. Willis enjoys working with groups in various activities, writing news articles, and giving public talks and demonstrations. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Fitting and showing cattle and sports.

SPRUNGER, Robert Frederick

Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #6, Decatur, Adams County, Indiana
May 14, 1930

Robert Sprunger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sprunger, will graduate in June from Purdue University where he has majored in Agriculture Education. He lives on an 80 acre general crop and livestock farm in Adams County, Indiana. He has always been interested in agriculture and has taken part in agriculture organizations in high school and college. These include: Agriculture Economics club, Rural Youth, 4-H Club Work, College 4-H Club, Alpha Zeta, an agriculture honorary fraternity and the Agriculture Education Society. As a 4-H Club member for 7 years, Robert was a local club officer for 4 years and a junior leader for 2 years. He plays the piano and enjoys giving radio talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Square dancing and sports.

TURKEY

BOISSEAU, Robert Allan

Date of Birth:

Pochassic Rd., Westfield, Hampden County, Mass.
April 24, 1931

Robert Boisseau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boisseau, lives on a 225 acre dairy farm in Hampden County, Massachusetts. He studied vocational agriculture for 4 years in high school and has specialized in dairy farming. Robert is now farming with his father. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America for 3 years during which time he was club president and a member of the judging team. As a 4-H Club member for 12 years, Robert was a club officer, gave talks and project demonstrations, and was a delegate to National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. He has been the leader of a 4-H Garden club for 3 years. Robert served on the committee which organized the New England Youth Conference. He enjoys leading groups in games and discussions. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Square dancing, photography.

JOSLIN, Kenneth Hazen

Date of Birth:

R.F.D. #2, Clarence, Iowa

July 12, 1932

Kenneth Joslin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Joslin, was born and reared on a 240 acre chicken, beef cattle, swine and general crop farm at Clarence, Iowa. He has been an active member of the youth group of his church for 6 years. During this time, Kenneth was an officer, program chairman, and leader in the Student Volunteer organization. He is now a third year student at Iowa State College majoring in Agricultural Economics. Because of his interest he has been very active in the agriculture council and agriculture economics club in college. He has had experience giving agricultural demonstrations during the summer he worked as a county Youth Assistant. Kenneth enjoys leading group discussions, writing news articles and giving public talks and demonstrations. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Reading, sports, music and traveling.

THOMPSON, Melvin John

Date of Birth:

RR #2, Box 222, Ravenna, Muskegan County, Michigan

May 6, 1933

Melvin Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Thompson, has lived on a small general farm where he had experience in all types of farm work in Muskegan County, Michigan. He is now a second-year student at Michigan State College majoring in Agriculture Extension Education. After graduation he plans to become a 4-H Club Agent. Melvin was a 4-H Club member for 9 years, a junior leader and a local club leader. He has been very active in all county and state 4-H activities and was a delegate to National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. He received state recognition in 4 demonstration contests and has helped 13 younger members prepare demonstrations. He is a member of the choir and the youth club of his church. Melvin has an outstanding record of achievements in the organizations of which he is a member. He enjoys leading groups in singing, games and discussions, writing news articles, and giving talks. Religious preference: Protestant. Hobbies: Dramatics, square dancing, and stamp collecting.

